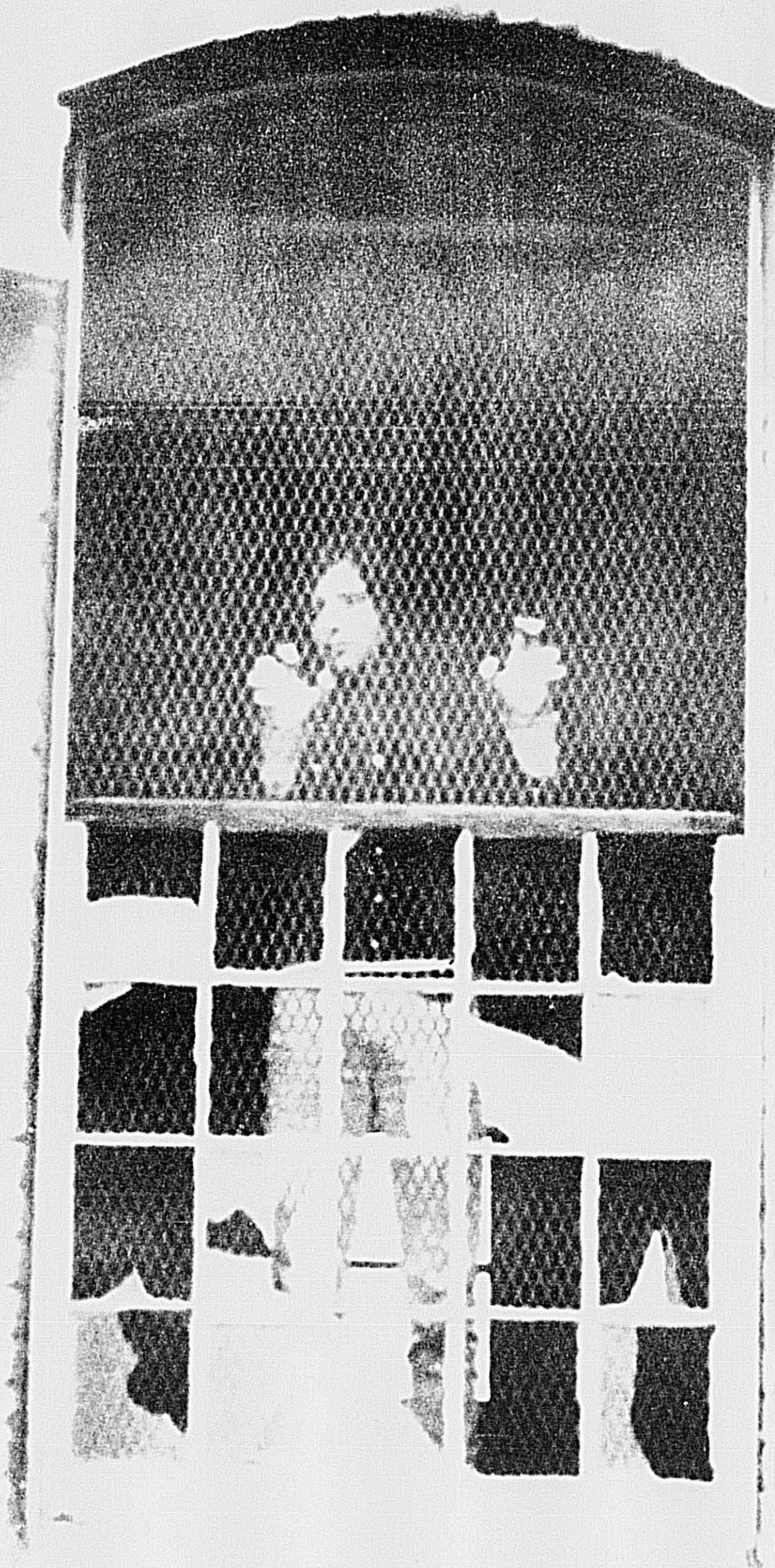


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McGill students occupy MNA office

by Duncan Gillis

Liberal MNA Jacques Chagnon had nine McGill students arrested by riot police Friday night, after they occupied his offices for eight hours.

Over fifty students joined in negotiations and protests on tuition fees throughout the day. McGill's Coalition Against the Privation of Education (CAPE), with management and engineering students from l'Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), wanted Chagnon to take action against fee increases.

Student movement considers strike, other actions

by Peter Clibbon

Momentum is building, and Québec students may be striking over accessible education within the next week.

Student association delegates met Saturday in Montréal for the third meeting of the Rassemblement du Mouvement Étudiant (RNMÉ). The RNMÉ called for student associations with a clear mandate to strike to walk out tomorrow.

The rest were encouraged to pursue strike mandates, and meanwhile organize occupations or walkouts and participate in protests this Thursday and Sunday.

Immediately after adjourning the assembly, delegates stormed the Radio-Canada tower on Blvd. René Lévesque and occupied the newsroom until they were given a live 30-second spot on national French-language television — immediately before the Canadiens hockey game.

The 'double majority'

Originally the RNMÉ had asked all schools to wait for support from a majority of both universities and CEGEPs, a 'double majority,' before walking out. But only six student associations have obtained clear mandates for an unlimited strike, and now student associations are being asked to strike regardless of this condition.

The wording of the RNMÉ statement remains optimistic.

"Québec student associations are encouraged to begin occupations and/or strikes beginning March 13 (tomorrow), with the goal of rapidly building support for a general unlimited strike," it says.

Numerous CEGEP's and several universities, including Concordia, have planned 2- or 3-day student strikes for this week.

"Everyone should begin their actions as soon as they can, strike or not. At Concordia we'll walk out of our classes Wednesday, which may build momentum in the student movement so we can get something accomplished," said Marc Johnson of Concordia's Task Force for a Tuition Freeze.

Students gathered in Chagnon's office at 11h30 Friday morning to present their demands and argue against raising fees.

They asked that he advocate free and accessible education, initiate the creation of a parliamentary commission on alternative solutions to university underfunding, and by 18h guarantee a meeting between Québec's student unions and education minister Claude Ryan.

The students warned that if all of their demands were not met, they would occupy Chagnon's office indefinitely.

Josette Côté from ANÉÉQ, Québec's largest provincial student union, said, "We should strike with what solid support we have now with the expectation that other associations will join in later, achieving the 'double majority' requirement for many schools."

But some thought ANÉÉQ's position unrealistic. McGill Students' Society VP External John Fox said, "Considering only five of ANÉÉQ's 20 or so members are prepared to strike, ANÉÉQ has probably overstepped its mandate."

"We've wasted a month on intellectual masturbation trying to obtain 'double majority', without any concrete results or coordinated actions. Everyone should participate to the maximum of their mandate, so we can get something done," said André Gagnon from the Université du Québec à Montréal.

Most delegates agreed to strongly back additional actions, including student walkouts and occupations.

Beyond the strike

In addition to Sunday's march, a "Bring Your Own Ice Cube" protest was announced for this Thursday. Students are encouraged to bring one foot cubes of ice to wall up the Blvd. René Lévesque entrance of the Lavalin building.

The assembly also unanimously passed a motion condemning the arrest of nine McGill students after an occupation of Liberal MNA Jacques Chagnon's offices Friday.

Minutes before adjourning, delegates overwhelmingly approved their own immediate occupation of the downtown Radio Canada tower. By 19h, 50 delegates had stormed the newsroom and studios of Radio-Canada. Demonstrators demanded and received a live 30 second spot on television.

"Students are protesting against tuition fee increases announced by Education Minister Claude Ryan which would restrict the right to education," read news announcer Charles Tisseyre to the camera, his background filled with the demonstrating students.

"I don't think education is a right — it's a privilege," Chagnon told the students. He flatly rejected the demands before leaving his office at 13h30, at which point most UQAM students left the offices.

Chagnon's secretaries were left alone to deal with the occupation until he returned later in the afternoon to continue negotiations.

Chagnon said he did not believe fee hikes would decrease accessibility. He would only shrug and say "you are wrong" when students presented him with statistics and conclusions from recent studies.

"You can say that as a man, a white francophone... from a rich background. For women and for immigrants it's different — (over) 20 000 students may have to leave school," said CAPE member Paula Gunn. She also noted the patronizing tone Chagnon used when addressing the women in the group, calling one CAPE member "ma chère demoiselle."

Gunn said, "He admitted to us he believes in the privatization of education and health care. He said he would love to see an institution like Harvard in Québec. We told him he was not representing the 80 000 students in his constituency."

Chagnon's constituency, the Saint-Louis riding, is home to McGill, Concordia, UQAM and Cégep de Vieux Montréal.

He said that everyone knew or should have known of his support for fee hikes when he was elected. "This was not a hidden agenda. If people were against tuition fee increases they could have voted accordingly at the time."

One CAPE member responded, "It's not your electorate you're worried about, it's your campaign financiers."

Students demanded to know why the government had not investigated funding alternatives pre-



Chagnon pretends to negotiate with Ryan on occupiers' demands.

sented by students leaders, like post-educational taxes and corporate taxes that would go directly to education and would generate more revenue than fee increases could.

Chagnon said he thought corporations were taxed enough already, and said business was a higher priority than education.

Calling the cops

At 17h Chagnon offered to call

Claude Ryan and arrange the requested meeting if students would call off the occupation.

Students said they would accept this concession only if a statement was made admitting the government's error in not consulting students before announcing the fee hikes. Chagnon refused this request.

Chagnon's two secretaries, both women, were required to stay in the office after hours without pay while the deputy considered the situation.

At 18h00, students agreed to end the occupation in exchange for the meeting. But Chagnon said the meeting could no longer be arranged. Occupiers then pronounced that negotiations had broken down, and declared the occupation indefinite.

The Montréal Urban Community police were notified within 45 minutes. A tactical squad of sixteen men in full riot gear — bullet-proof vests, helmets, clubs and guns — arrived at 19h00.

Chagnon trembled as he read the students his authorization to press charges, before he was escorted off the premises by four armed riot police.

Police then arrested the nine people who refused to leave the offices, charging them with mischief. Over 20 demonstrators outside the building jeered Chagnon and the police while the arrested students were lead out, one by one. They were held at Station 33 for two hours, and their cases will be tried in July.



Arrested students signal their supporters from inside police wagon.

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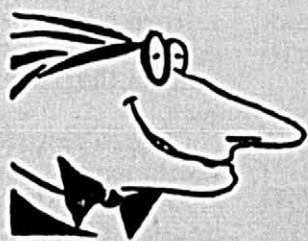
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Feds stall on oil spill inquiry

by Aislinn Mosher

Shell Canada will go unpunished for a major oil spill in the St. Lawrence river last year if Environment Canada continues stalling its investigation.

In February 1989 an estimated five tons of oil was discovered in the St. Lawrence River near Pointe-aux-Trembles. After analysing a sample of the oil, Environment Canada was able to prove the pollutant came from Shell's Montréal refinery. Environment Canada then footed the bill for the clean up and expects reimbursement from Shell.

Under the Canadian Fisheries Act, to bring a refinery to court Environment Canada must simply prove that the pollutant was issued from the company in question.

The Act also states that prosecution must commence within two years of the investigation.

According to Greenpeace activist Yves Coriveau, although prosecutions by Environment Canada are becoming more frequent because of heightened environmental awareness, Environment Canada is still not prosecuting often enough, or fast enough.

"Refineries constantly violate environmental regulations. But Environment Canada underestimates the possibility of a successful prosecution. And they overestimate the

difficulties of getting a conviction. Environment Canada better hurry up. If they delay the Shell investigation for another year, it will be too late for prosecution," said Coriveau.

Daniel Greene of the Société pour vaincre la pollution said he is surprised the Shell spill is still under investigation.

"I don't know what Environment Canada has been investigating. I don't see a lot of their proceedings being brought to court. They haven't brought a company to court in years. Environment Canada just haven't been using their legal clout in Québec," he said.

According to Environment Canada investigation officer Guy Martin, the Shell investigation was postponed last year due to limited personnel and the time taken up by other investigations.

Martin also admitted he is aware of the two year statute of limitations.

Companies convicted of dumping under the Fisheries Act can be fined up to \$50 000 for a first offense. A first offender under the Environmental Protection Act faces a maximum penalty of \$2 million.

Attack on two sides

Shell also faces reprimand from provincial investigators. Environment Québec has charged



Montréal's Shell refinery with five counts of effluent violations in 1988. Conviction on each count carries a fine ranging from \$600 to \$30 000.

The province is also charging the refinery with three counts of discharging higher than permissible levels of toxics into the atmosphere in 1989. The fine on each charge is \$6000 to \$250 000.

According to Environment Québec spokesperson Nicole

McKinnon, after examining a report issued by Shell, Environment Québec discovered the toxic emissions to be over the norm. "So we sued," she said.

When asked why Environment Québec would not prosecute Shell for the oil spill, McKinnon stated, "Environment Québec is basically responsible for everything else but the St. Lawrence."

Greene sees environmental jurisdictions as "a lot of flag wars

between the feds and the province."

"Nobody wants to be in charge. Environment Canada and Environment Québec are trying to pass each other off as the responsible party," said Greene.

According to Vincent Martin of Environment Canada, there were approximately 30 to 50 oil spills in the Montréal harbour last year. Several were discovered in the Shell area and several were from an undetermined source.

Study says part-time profs no good for Québec

by Andy Ellis

growing number of part-time instructors are threatening the quality of Québec university education, a provincial advisory committee says.

Part-time teachers — who now make up almost half of all instructors in the province — don't contribute to university life as much as full-time professors, says the study by the Conseil des universités, a committee of academics and community leaders appointed by the province.

If the trend towards hiring more of them continues, the "continuity and coherence" of university education will suffer, said Conseil president Pierre Lucier.

"A university program is more than a series of courses," Lucier said. "It should be an interconnected unit with a close knit group of professors and students."

"That's impossible if you have so many part-time teachers who only come in to teach a class and then leave."

The Conseil's report — which recommends hiring full-time professors to replace part-timers — hasn't been well received among

Concordia's part-time faculty. "I'm a part-time instructor at Concordia," said Lucier, "and the Conseil isn't looking at the whole picture."

"In many cases, part-timers have been teaching year in and year out for up to 20 years," she said. "If that's not continuity, I don't know what is."

Seppanen's union is negotiating the first collective agreement for part-timers at Concordia, which has a high proportion of part-time faculty.

She said part-timers, who receive few benefits and have little job security, have traditionally not been treated fairly.

She points to "scandalously" low salaries for part-time instructors in Concordia's arts and sciences faculty. They receive about \$2700 for teaching a half-year course. A full-time professor would earn more than 10 times that amount for a 12-credit course load.

Some teaching assistants at McGill University make more than that in a semester.

One of the Conseil's worries is that research in Québec universities will suffer if the trend towards part-timers continues.

"Most (part-time instructors) don't participate in research,"

Lucier said. "So if we have more of them, in the long-term the level of research and development we do will decrease."

"We're not saying they aren't good teachers but even if they are excellent, they are usually not part of the university community."

But Seppanen, a part-time English teacher, said many of them do research and get published on their own. She said at Concordia many part-time teachers also participate on university committees.

Concordia's part-time union wouldn't oppose full-time professors being hired, but it wants part-timers to get priority, Seppanen said.

"We would like to see part-timers who have been here for a long time, who are qualified and who have demonstrated their capacity in their departments to be automatically considered for full-time positions."

With 7800 part-time and 8000 full-time professors, the study says Québec has the highest proportion of part-time faculty in Canada.

It says part-time instructors are responsible for about 40

per cent of all teaching in universities, and are concentrated in three faculties: social sciences, administration and education.

Homophobes spout fear at U of T

by t. clive thompson iii

TORONTO (CUP) — A poster in a University of Toronto residence has been called homophobic and "disgusting" by administrators and campus activists, but the residence's dean says there is no policy against it.

The poster appeared after the campus paper, *The Varsity*, published a special Lesbian and Gay Men supplement February 26. The poster criticized the paper for excessive coverage of gay and lesbian issues.

It remained up for about five days.

"I am not against homosexuality," it concluded. "I'm against ever having to read about them again. Back in the closets and washroom stalls you bunch of degenerates."

U of T assistant vice president-student affairs David Neelands said the poster "goes beyond bad taste."

"I think that calling gays and lesbians 'degenerates' is totally inappropriate. I'm disgusted," he said.

David Rayside, chair of an unofficial university committee on homophobia, said the poster was similar to homophobic graffiti found in washrooms across campus. "It's really just a more public version."

Residence dean Garry Spencer said there is no rule prohibiting residents from putting up homophobic material on bulletin boards.

"There's no specific policy," Spencer said. "Peer pressure usually decides what stays on the board and what doesn't. If someone doesn't like what's on it, they'll take it down."

Neelands said he would talk to Spencer about the poster but not ask for restrictions on uses of the bulletin board.

"I think people can have freedom of expression but I think they can also get a tongue-lashing every once in a while," Neelands said.

The poster was gone from the residence, which houses primarily engineering students, by March 3. Spencer said he does not know who put it up or took it down, and never actually saw the poster, or heard any complaints.

Resident Sean Perry said the poster reflected the general opinion of residents.

"I think people are sick of having homosexuality shoved down their throats," Perry said. "(The *Varsity* Lesbian and Gay Men supplement) isn't journalism, it's propaganda. It doesn't reflect U of T."

Andrew Davidson, of U of T's gay and lesbian association said the poster is partly a backlash against the publicity gays and lesbians have received in the last year.

Recently, his group brought a complaint against a college student paper to the Human Rights Commission.

hyde park

Peace in the food chain: Support the week of the Vegetable

Next week there is a Vegetarian Festival taking place on the main floor of the Student Union Building, in room 107/8. Come by between 11h and 15h Monday, March 12 through Friday, March 16. There will be free food samples, simple cooking demonstrations, displays, films, talks, books, and information on all aspects of not eating meat. See the posters or the Event Listings for details. The C.V.C. food services will be serving an Indian vegetarian lunch on Thursday in the cafeteria.

Why are so many people interested in vegetarianism? What are the reasons for changing one's diet?

Ethics

People eat meat without thinking about the individual animal suffering. Modern farming systems of mass livestock production cause great pain, distress, and ultimately death for millions of animals each year. Most pigs, chickens and cows are forced to live out lives of severe confinement and manipulation by humans. Cattle are generally branded, dehorned, and castrated, while chickens are painfully debeaked. This mutilating operation is to reduce the birds' tendency to peck at each other, a symptom of the extreme stress from confinement.

The Environment

Producing meat is a very inefficient use of land, energy, and water. Francis Moore Lappé, in her book *Diet for a Small Planet*, stated that cattle need to be fed 16 pounds of grain and soya to return one pound of edible flesh; and, whereas one acre of pasture produces 165 pounds of beef, the same acre can produce 20 000 pounds of potatoes. A switch to a vegetarian diet would mean the use of far less farmland, which in turn would translate to far less soil erosion, pesticide use, and herbicide use. The extra land could be used to feed starving peoples, or it could be returned to natural forest and grassland habitats. The depletion of wild animals is most closely associated with the loss of habitat. To continue to eat meat ensures that forests are cleared, complex ecosystems are converted to monoculture, and starving people will not have access to food. Flesh foods also require great amounts of energy for fertilizer, processing, refrigeration and freezing.

Health

All animals accumulate and store chemical toxins in their flesh. By eating at the top of the food chain, we receive the highest concentration of these poisons. Meat contains large amounts of cholesterol and fat—substances that are closely associated with cancer, heart disease, strokes, diabetes, and many other serious ailments. Meat products also contain no fibre.

Much of the world survives by eating very little or no meat. In Asian countries the staple is rice and vegetables with tofu, or a small amount of meat. For centuries every great spiritual leader in India—including, in modern times, Mohatma Gandhi—has emphasized non-violence and harmlessness to living beings. Gandhi is praised for freeing India from Britain's grip by emphasizing non-violent resistance. In his words, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

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letters

Ah, kids, when will you learn?

to the Daily:

In objection to Heather MacKay and her sob story about the treatment of MACES by the McGill administration, I feel it is necessary to point out that perhaps the administration is not the place to start pointing blame. I feel the administration is dealing out a heavy hand to students here at McGill, but rightly so. Somebody has to step in and take charge of the mess our student representatives have started.

Over the last few months, I have witnessed unbelievable nonsense. The General Assembly was a farce, crashed by a hundred-odd students pulled in off the street to cast a vote at the last moment. I was appalled at the sight of students wielding a coffin around campus to protest tuition hikes. A sit-in in the Administration building? Are we adults or what?

Perhaps if the student body stopped acting like spoiled little children and began dealing with problems in a mature way, our ideas and opinions might get more respect from those in control (i.e. Admin.) We seem to be a mix of apathy and immaturity.

Where are those strong determined leaders we are always voting for? I hope this upcoming year, the newly elected leaders will be able to guide the students towards adult-like behaviour and REAL solutions to McGill's growing stock of problems.

Emma Parkinson
U2 Political Science

Did you actually hear Spike speak?

to the Daily:

"Spike Lee Spoke" (March 7, p.3) makes it hard to believe that your writer either heard Mr. Lee's talk March 5, or has seen his films. I heard Mr. Lee's talk and question-and-answer period. While I am not convinced he earned the \$12 000 fee cited in the *Gazette's* article, several of the points made in your article are just false.

In particular:

—"Lee simply dismissed arguments challenging the role of women in his films..." In fact, he acknowledged that one serious problem with his films is that they have all been about men, to the exclusion of strong female roles.

—"In his (Lee's) opinion, the only way to make movies in America is to borrow the tools and means of Hollywood." He has chosen to pursue that way, but he made no such categorical claims as the *Daily* attributed to him.

—Mr. Lee "poked fun at some of the most challenging remarks." In fact, on several occasions when the audience tried to silence a questioner with catcalls and whistles, Mr. Lee told them to be quiet so the question could be asked. The two occasions when he did silence a

hyde park

Peace in the Desert: Support Saharawi bid for freedom

On November 14, 1975 Morocco and Mauritania signed the Tripartite Accords of Madrid with Spain which transferred the territorial claims of Western Sahara to the two former countries, without the consent of its indigenous population and in blatant violation of international law.

This provoked a military invasion by Morocco and Mauritania, forcing the Saharawis to flee to shelters inside the Western Sahara, which were bombed a few months later, forcing the Saharawis to seek refuge in Tindouf, Algeria. The Polisario Front, formed in 1973 to fight Spanish occupation, and now continuing with Moroccan occupants, received the refugees and quickly set up camps for survival. The area around Tindouf, located in southwest Algeria, is an extremely arid part of the desert, where conditions are not conducive to human habitation.

Since the early days of the settlements when devastation from the bombings, disease and malnutrition caused high military rates, there have been dramatic developments in all aspects of life in the camps aided primarily by Algeria and humanitarian organisations. The struggle for independence has reunited this population, which is Arab-African descent, from areas within the Western Sahara and neighbouring countries, and has deepened the sense of national pride and unity. The strength, perseverance and active participation of the entire Saharawi population has brought about the success of a nation-building process taking place within these camps. The plan is for a self-sufficient society which will provide a Saharawi to manage every facet of an independent Western Sahara. In education, literacy campaigns have reached the whole population, there are both primary and secondary schools, and special programs have produced a substantial number of teachers, nurses, technicians, administrators and more. In health care, four regional hospitals, one national hospital, and even special health care facilities for the elderly have been established. Several agricultural centers have been developed, where there is a successful growth of those food crops most adaptable to the salinity of the soil. Yet even with all these successes material support from the outside is still necessary for the continuing development of its institutions.

The United Nations and the Organization of African Unity have been the principle means affirming the recognition of the legitimate right of self-determination of the Western Sahara population. Up to date there are approximately seventy countries which have recognized the Sahara Arab Democratic Republic as the sole representation of the Saharawi people. The long-standing and ongoing guerrilla war demonstrates that an end to the conflict must be sought through dialogue between the two parties involved. There have been constructive efforts on the part of the UN and the OAU for a just and lasting peaceful solution to the conflict, whose developments have been stifled by the unwillingness of the Moroccan government to cooperate fully. Therefore, greater international support is vital for an end to this violation of the human rights of the Saharawi people.

For those interested in finding out more or in volunteering to support the efforts being made here in Montreal, please call us at 272-7067.

Anne-Marie Livingstone

questioner came when the same questions were repeatedly pressed without consideration for the original answers.

—"Lee simply dismissed arguments...challenging the role of Blacks in racism." You must be joking. *School Daze* was about racism in the Black community. Most of the Black characters in *Do the Right Thing* are in some respects failing to deal with their situation in a constructive way. As Mr. Lee explained about Buggin' Out, these failings represent failings in the Black community. It is in this respect that Mr. Lee's films always challenge the ideas and concepts of the viewers. Your reporter appears to have been completely blind to this challenge.

As for your claim that drugs play an "essential role...in racism,"

Mr. Lee clearly (if angrily) explained why that view is wrong. Although racism may play an essential role in our ideas about drugs, racism antedates the drug problem and arises in contexts which have nothing to do with drug use.

Mr. Lee is an artist making provocative films about a difficult and important topic. While it is impossible to agree with everything he does—in particular, his depiction of women—any reasonable evaluation would have taken an accurate account of the things he does well. Instead, you offered a shallow, uncomprehending picture. One wonders if this is attributed only to your usual self-centered narrow-mindedness; or is the *Daily* threatened by the existence of a Black man who speaks his own mind, instead

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Nicaraguan election witnesses return to Montréal

Five Québec women who recently returned from a two-week stint as observers of the Nicaraguan elections presented their impressions to a gathering of Montréal area activists and concerned citizens last week. While the results of the February 25 vote came as a surprise to many, the analysis presented by the delegation stressed that Nicaraguan people voted not so much against the Sandinistas as for an end to the military and economic aggression instigated against their country by the United States over the last 10 years.



Nicaragua: a lost election,
but not a lost revolution

Francisco Uribe

"The contra attacks have killed 50 000 people in the last decade. Many more have been injured and left handicapped. Add to this the thousands who were killed in the years of struggle against the Somoza dictatorship and you can begin to understand the logic," said Micheline Jourdain, the group's co-ordinator.

Jourdain pointed out that this year's elections were not the first democratic vote held in Nicaragua, even though US President Ronald Reagan declared the 1984 elections undemocratic, and nullified them.

"The 1984 election was viewed by international observers as having allowed a free multi-party choice and having been run cleanly and fairly. But Reagan's response to the clear Sandinista victory was to step up the economic blockade and to intensify the war against the country.

"It was again clear that another Sandinista victory would result in more fighting, more blood. In light of this, it was common sense for people to cast their vote for an alternative, even one as poorly defined as that afforded

by UNO (National Opposition Union)" added Jourdain.

Even though the Sandinistas didn't win, one of the election watchers pointed out that the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) managed to keep the support of 41 per cent of the electorate.

"That's really surprising, given the war and the state of the economy," said Monique Fitz-Beck, of the Québec Teachers' Federation.

She added that the UNO, the coalition headed by president-elect Violeta Chamorro which comprises 14 parties ranging from ultra-right to communist, has no real base of support. "The US, which openly financed UNO's campaign, is now scrambling to inject more dollars to set up UNO Women's groups and UNO trade unions, to give it a semblance of grass roots support. But it is unclear how the coalition will try to govern," she said.

Diane Lavallée of the Québec Nurses' Federation, described changes brought about

during the years that the Sandinistas were in power. "Their health programs have increased average life-expectancy by 10 years. Illiteracy was all but eliminated, and they distributed land to 60 000 peasant families. Workers' input is crucial in the operation of most small factories. Daycare facilities and equal pay are rights that Nicaraguan women now take for granted."

These are gains that people have felt in their own lives, and they are not likely to easily give them up," said Lavallée.

Université du Québec à Montréal law professor Lucie Lemonde outlined the 1987 Nicaraguan Constitution. It enshrines collective rights to free education and medical care. It calls for a mixed economy, for agrarian reform by redistribution of unused lands, and defines the right to bear arms (as in the US), but it makes speculation — the hoarding of goods for private profit — a crime.

So far president-elect Chamorro has refused to answer journalists' questions as to the make-up of her Cabinet and the direction

of her Government. But UNO's election platform calls for a "free enterprise, free market" economy — in clear contradiction to the tenets of the Constitution.

"In order to legally implement their programs, the UNO would need to change the Constitution. But UNO is not one party. It is a coalition of fourteen groups with disparate ideologies, which holds 52 seats, while the Sandinistas are the largest group in the assembly with their 38 seats. UNO, presuming it can hold together, is two votes short of the 60 per cent needed to amend the Constitution, and eight short of the total needed to scrap it altogether," said Lemonde.

"In Chile, when the opposition won the last elections, the U.S. insisted that the military's Constitution which had made Pinochet Commander-in-Chief of the army for life be respected. We will have to see whether they place the same insistence on legality in the case of Nicaragua," she added.

Lawyer Katherine Lippel, of the American Association of Jurists, spoke of the great lengths to which the Sandinistas went to make the electoral process democratic. While Amnesty International's 1988 Report portrayed horrendous abuses in neighboring Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, it gave a far less dramatic human rights picture in Nicaragua. Nonetheless, the Sandinistas scrupulously complied with all of Amnesty's recommendations.

"In accordance with the Central American Peace Plan, all remaining Somozista prisoners were freed. This is disquieting for the future (since) these men were serving terms for murder and torture — the most violent

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criminals.

But the Sandinistas did not release any of their own soldiers who had been accused of human rights violations," said Lippel.

Meanwhile, the other signatories of the Esquipulas Accords have dragged their feet. Political prisoners of the Contras are still being held in Honduras and activists are continually persecuted and murdered throughout Latin America.

The members of the delegation reported that on the day after the elections foreign non-government aid and Solidarity groups began meeting in Managua to evaluate their position in the light of the new situation.

Fitz-Beck stated that there is a strong commitment on the part of International groups to continue to work with the Nicaraguans. She stressed that this is not the time for people in North America to become disheartened.

"The message from the people we spoke with on the day we left was that we should continue to work — that the people of Nicaragua are counting on our solidarity in the difficult times ahead. We must continue to stay informed and to challenge the disinformation in the mainstream media. We must redouble our vigilance to make certain that the social gains of the people of Nicaragua are not lost," said Fitz-Beck.

And Jourdain quoted a Nicaraguan woman who echoed the sentiments of many saying "Tell the people in Canada that we Nicaraguans are a resilient people. We have suffered much, but we have learned much. These elections were only one step in our story. We have lost the electoral battle, but we will not lose our Revolution."

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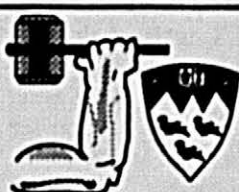
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Students express outrage while SWAT team carts away protesters Friday night. They'd been outside Liberal MNA Jacques Chagnon's office all day handing out leaflets, maintaining media contacts and supporting the occupation inside.

Daily News Brief

Election results

Behold, the results of the Students's Society referenda:

S.S.M.U President

Kate Morriset 870

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Eric Darier 367

Alex Nerska 326

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Joanna Wedge 1315

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Arts Senators (2)

Lina Saigol 350

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Plebescite question

1) Are you in favor of tuition fee hikes as proposed by Education Minister Claude Ryan Dec. 19, 1989?

1007 in favor/ 1110 against

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1) If construction on the proposed athletics complex does not begin by June 1, 1991, are you in favour of directing fees towards renovation of existing athletics complex?

Yes, landslide (numbers not available)

2) Agree to continue financing Access McGill Disabled Services?

Yes, landslide (numbers not available)

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of adhering to a program someone else has set for him?

Andrew A. Burday
Philosophy U3

Broads, brew and the Fall of Man

to the Daily:

After reading the article "Alpha Delta Phi endorses rape?" in the Hyde Park section (Mar. 9), I can honestly conclude that those members of the Coalition against Sexual Assault (CASA) are more "trigger-happy" than any fraternity house regarding sexual implications. The poster for the Immaculate Consumption Party was more of an intellectual play on themes than an allusion to rape.

Both the Adam and Eve represented on the poster are after a print by the renowned master Albrecht Dürer. The tree and snake-like figure placed between them is after Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel se-

ries, "The Fall of Man." CASA's iconographical interpretation of the figures exemplifies its ignorance and sober reflection of humor on campus.

The "serpent" handing Eve the beer suggests nothing phallic, and if anything, the beer alludes to in-sobriety. (Just say Yes... to a beer, not for sexual intentions, but as a source of social interaction, an integral aspect of fraternity life.) The line below "There are no virgin heroes" does not suggest virgin as being a woman-only term, as you may already know.

The verbal and visual interplay as presented in Alpha Delta Phi's Immaculate Consumption Party poster is to be celebrated for its academic undertones rather than inaccurately criticized by the misinformed, trigger-happy members of the CASA.

Clarence Epstein
Special Student
Art History-Honours

Ed Note: Russell Bennett and Ron Bellard, your letters exceed our magic length limit. Please come down and trim some fat.

Take a walk down the 401

to the Daily:

Today I read in the McGill tribune that McGill students have voted to strike in protest to the Québec government's proposal to raise tuition fees. Quite frankly, this mentality makes me sick. Do people really believe that a reasonable standard of education at McGill and other Québec universities can be maintained given the current level of funding? True the proposed fee increase likely wouldn't even cover the operating costs of the university, but for a university as starved for funds as McGill is, I'm sure that every bit of extra money would help. A university education in Canada is not like most any services one can buy: you get what you pay for.

Why do students in Québec feel that they have some sort of right to pay less than one third in tuition fees as students in other provinces across the country? Do people in

Québec only earn one third as much as those elsewhere in Canada? Is the cost of living three times as high in Québec as in the rest of Canada? There is absolutely no legitimate reason, in my opinion, why people who wish to attend a Québec university can't pay the same as those who attend Queen's or Western.

I would propose that everyone who wants a tuition freeze first take a walk through the campuses or facilities of Queen's or Western, perhaps they might see that higher tuition fees bring with them a higher quality of education and far superior recreational, research and other facilities.

While I am by no means an advocate of Ivy League-type tuition fees, friends of mine who attend these universities have every facility and amenity they could ever wish at their fingertips. I mention this only to make a point — that there is a relation between what you pay to attend university and what it gives you in return. There can be no happy medium in between.

McGill can't afford to rest on its laurels for much longer. The education one receives here at McGill can't be maintained at a high level without money.

In terms of the actual strike itself, I feel that if students want to strike, let them strike. However, I object strongly to the fact that professors are being advised to cancel classes etc. until the masses feel like going back to class. I'm certain that I'm not the only one who wouldn't appreciate having to go to school in July. Some of us have made specific commitments such as employment, which we would not only like to but must hold. No one has the right to arbitrarily impose such widely implicating decision on the student body. Those who feel like striking should by all means strike, but they should allow the rest of us our right to attend classes and have our summer holiday on time; strikers can take responsibility for their own actions and suffer the consequences of missing classes themselves.

Moni Islam
U1 Engineering

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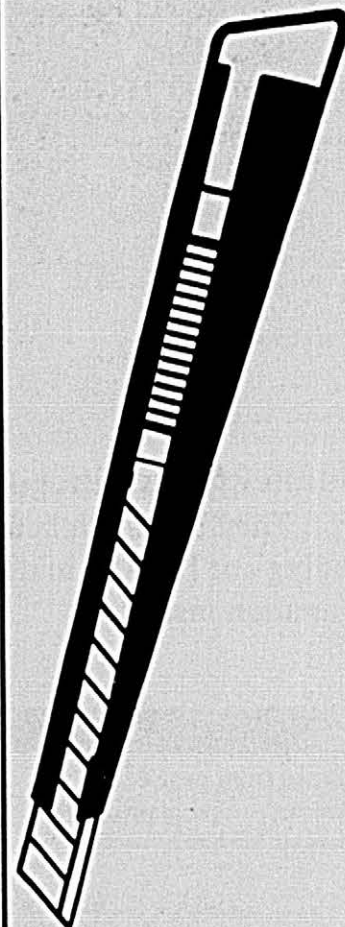
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Engineering BEACH PubNite: Friday, March 16, Admission \$3.00 only \$2.00 with shorts and shades. The 40th person to enter wins a bottle of Peach Schnappe. Party features volleyball, beachballs, hot dogs, tropical drinks and coolers, and a beach. Everyone gets a lei.

Leonard Olien. Happy Hydro Quebec Day. Love Shaula.

Dearest Fanny, I saw you in the Bronfman lobby and I think you are have the sexiest pair of legs with the sweetest smile. Macho Man.

385 NOTICES

Gays and Lesbians of McGill offers an

information and counselling talkline. Call us with questions, problems, or just to talk. Phone 398-6822 or drop by Union 417, M-F, 7 - 10 p.m.

Lesbian/Gay studies group meets Thursdays, discussion group meets Fridays, both at Yellow Door (3625 Aylmer) 17h00. Info 597-0363 (Bill).

Vegetarian Festival. March 12 to 16th 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. Student Union Building Room 107/8. Free food samples, information, displays, books, talks and films. For info call META 276-0914.

What Do You Think When You Hear... "Religious"??? Jews and Christians talk about religious stereotyping Monday, March 12th 7:30 p.m. at Hillel (3460 Stanley) Informal discussion sponsored by McGill Chaplaincy. Roberta Clara, 398-4104.

Industrial Relations Students - Deadline for election nominations March 15. Bring nominations signed by 20 students in an I.R. core course to M.I.R.A., 3495 Peel #304

A new vision of Women and church - a discussion group will meet Tuesday March 13 5:00 p.m. Newman Centre 3484 Peel. Bring your dinner. Contact Cathie Macaulay 398-4106.

McGill Drama Festival all this week at Player's Theatre. Seven original one-act plays. Stretch your entertainment dollar! Call 398-6813 for more info.

Rhythm Activism, Montréal's rebel news orchestra presents "Un Logement Pour Une Chanson", a bilingual comedy cabaret, 4 - 5pm in the Alley on Wed., March 14th. Housing Awareness Day - A GRIP-Québec-PIRG event.

Buy Bridgehead Products and Meet a Chaplain. Wedn. Mar. 14th 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Leacock Table, main floor. Info: 398-4263 or 398-4104.

St. Martha's meets every Sunday 10:30 a.m. 3521 University. Throughout Lent: the screening of Zeffirelli's "Jesus of Nazareth" in 4-5 segments. Bring your lunch. Info: 398-4104, Roberta Clara.

387 VOLUNTEERS

Bilinguals needed for research. must be proficient in English and French. Will be paid \$10/hour (needed for 3 hours). If interested call 398-6105.

Actors/Actresses Wanted for wild, short film to be shot after finals. No exp. nec. Leave number on list at MFS office. Union 432.

Male subjects needed as paid volunteers for a study on the effects of Tea and Coffee on Mood and performance. For information call 398-6136.

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